

# Tetanus Prophylaxis in Wound Management

- The new **Tdap** (tetanus, reduced diphtheria and **pertussis**) vaccine is recommended for wound management in **adolescents** and **adults**.

History of Previous Tetanus Immunization	Clean, Minor Wounds	All Other Wounds <sup>1</sup>
Uncertain or fewer than 3 doses	Give Vaccine	Give Vaccine and TIG <sup>2</sup>
3 or more previous doses	No Need to Vaccinate Unless $\geq 10$ years since last dose	Give Vaccine If $\geq 5$ years since last dose

Vaccine licensed for the following age groups:

Age of Patient	Immunization	IM (Intramuscular) Injection  1" Needle 23-25 gauge
<7 years old	DTaP	
► <b>10-64 years old</b>	<b>Tdap</b>	

footnotes

- <sup>1</sup> All other wounds can include: wounds contaminated with dirt, feces, soil, and saliva, puncture wounds, avulsions, and wounds caused by missiles, crushing, burns, and frostbite.
- <sup>2</sup> Tetanus Immune Globulin (TIG) . The recommended dose for wounds of average severity is 250 units intramuscularly.\* When both tetanus vaccine and TIG are administered, use separate syringes and separate injection sites.

\*For more information visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00041645.htm>

